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Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

5 **Listing of Claims:**

- 1 (currently amended): A synchronous memory device with a single port memory unit,
the synchronous memory device comprising:
the single port memory unit for storing data according to a predetermined clock;
a configurable write buffer electrically connected to the single port memory unit
10 for storing data according to the predetermined clock and for transferring
its stored data to the single port memory unit according to the
predetermined clock;
a write blocking logic electrically connected to the configurable write buffer for
estimating a remaining data storage capacity of the configurable write
15 buffer and controlling the configurable write buffer to store data according
to the predetermined clock, and for controlling the configurable write
buffer to transfer its stored data to the single port memory unit according to
a write acknowledge signal, wherein the write blocking logic comprises:
a first counter for counting the remaining data storage capability of the
20 configurable write buffer;
a write select counter electrically connected to the first counter for
counting how many data the configurable write buffer has ever stored
and generating a write select value; and
a read select counter electrically connected to the first counter for counting
25 how many data the configurable write buffer has ever transferred to
the single port memory unit and generating a read select value; and
the configurable write buffer comprises:
a plurality of buffer modules for storing data;
a demultiplexer electrically connected to the buffer modules for storing data
30 to the configurable write buffer according to the write select counter

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value; and

a multiplexer electrically connected to the buffer modules for transferring data stored in one of the buffer modules ~~the configurable write buffer~~ to the single port memory unit according to the read select counter

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value; and

an arbiter electrically connected to the write blocking logic and the single port memory unit for generating the write acknowledge signal.

2 (currently amended): The synchronous memory device of claim 1, wherein the write blocking logic further comprises:

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~~a first counter for counting the remaining data storage capability of the configurable write buffer;~~

a write comparator electrically connected to the first counter for comparing the remaining data storage capacity of the configurable write buffer counted by the first counter with a first predetermined count value and controlling the configurable write buffer to store data; and

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a read comparator electrically connected to the first counter for comparing the remaining data storage capacity of the configurable write buffer counted by the first counter with a second predetermined count value and controlling the configurable write buffer to transfer its stored data to the single port memory unit;

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~~wherein the write select counter is electrically connected to the first counter for counting how many data the configurable write buffer has ever stored and generating a write select value;~~

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~~and the read select counter is electrically connected to the first counter for counting how many data the configurable write buffer has ever transferred to the single port memory unit and generating a read select value;~~

~~and the configurable write buffer further comprises:~~

~~a plurality of buffer modules for storing data;~~

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~~wherein the demultiplexer is electrically connected to the buffer modules for~~

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~~storing data to one of the buffer modules according to the write select value; and~~

~~the multiplexer is electrically connected to the buffer modules for transferring data stored in one of the buffer modules to the single port memory unit according to the read select value.~~

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3 (original): The synchronous memory device of claim 2, wherein the first counter has an initial count value equal to how many data the configurable write buffer can store and downward counts the remaining data storage capacity of the configurable write buffer, and the first predetermined count value is equal to zero.

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4 (original): The synchronous memory device of claim 3, wherein the write comparator controls the configurable write buffer to stop storing data when comparing that the remaining data storage capacity of the configurable write buffer is equal to zero.

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5 (original): The synchronous memory device of claim 3, wherein the read comparator controls the configurable write buffer to stop transferring its stored data to the single port memory unit when comparing that the remaining data storage capacity of the configurable write buffer is equal to how many data the configurable write buffer can store.

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6 (currently amended): The synchronous memory device of ~~claim 2~~ claim 1, wherein the write select counter downward counts how many data the configurable write buffer has ever stored and generates the write select value.

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7 (currently amended): The synchronous memory device of ~~claim 2~~ claim 1, wherein the read select counter downward counts how many data the configurable write buffer has ever transferred to the single port memory unit and generates the read

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select value.

- 8 (currently amended): A synchronous/asynchronous memory device with a single port memory unit, the synchronous/asynchronous memory device comprising:
- 5 the single port memory unit for storing data according to a read clock;
a configurable write buffer electrically connected to the single port memory unit for storing data according to a write clock and for transferring its stored data to the single port memory unit according to the read clock;
a write blocking logic electrically connected to the configurable write buffer for
10 estimating a remaining data storage capacity of the configurable write buffer and controlling the configurable write buffer to store data according to the write clock, and for controlling the configurable write buffer to transfer its stored data to the single port memory unit according to a write acknowledge signal, wherein the write blocking logic comprises:
- 15 a write counter for counting the remaining data storage capability of the configurable write buffer;
a read counter for counting how many data in the configurable write buffer are ready to be transferred to the single port memory unit;
a write select counter electrically connected to the write counter for counting how many data the configurable write buffer has ever stored
20 in the configurable write buffer and generating a write select value;
and
a read select counter electrically connected to the read counter for counting how many data the configurable write buffer has ever transferred to
25 the single port memory unit and generating a read select value; and
the configurable write buffer comprises:
a plurality of buffer modules for storing data;
a demultiplexer electrically connected to the buffer modules for storing data to one of the buffer modules ~~the configurable write buffer~~ according
30 to the write select ~~counter~~ value; and

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a multiplexer electrically is connected to the buffer modules for transferring data stored in one of the buffer modules ~~the configurable write buffer~~ to the single port memory unit according to the read select counter value; and

5 an arbiter electrically connected to the write blocking logic and the single port memory unit for generating the write acknowledge signal.

9 (currently amended): The synchronous/asynchronous memory device of claim 8, wherein the write blocking logic further comprises:

10 ~~a write counter for counting the remaining data storage capability of the configurable write buffer;~~

~~a read counter for counting how many data in the configurable write buffer ready to be transferred to the single port memory unit;~~

15 a read/write synchronizer electrically connected between the write counter and the read counter for changing signals synchronizing with the read clock to signals synchronizing with the write clock;

a write/read synchronizer electrically connected between the write counter and the read counter for changing signals synchronizing with the write clock to signals synchronizing with the read clock;

20 a write comparator electrically connected to the write counter for comparing the remaining data storage capacity of the configurable write buffer counted by the write counter with a first predetermined count value and controlling the configurable write buffer to store data; and

25 a read comparator electrically connected to the read counter for comparing how many data in the configurable write buffer are ready to be transferred to the single port memory unit with a second predetermined count value and controlling the configurable write buffer to transfer its stored data to the single port memory unit according to the read clock;

30 ~~wherein the write select counter is electrically connected to the write counter for counting how many data the configurable write buffer has ever stored and~~

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- ~~generating a write select value;--~~
~~and the read select counter electrically is connected to the read counter for~~
~~counting how many data the configurable write buffer has ever transferred~~
~~to the single port memory unit and generating a read select value;--~~
5 ~~and the configurable write buffer further comprises:~~
~~a plurality of buffer modules for storing data;~~
~~wherein the demultiplexer is electrically connected to the buffer modules for~~
~~storing data to one of the buffer modules according to the write select~~
~~value; and--~~
10 ~~the multiplexer electrically is connected to the buffer modules for transferring~~
~~data stored in one of the buffer modules to the single port memory unit~~
~~according to the read select value.~~
- 10 (currently amended): A computer system comprising:
- 15 a first computer operating on a first clock;
a second computer operating on a second clock different from the first clock;
and
a memory device comprising:
- 20 a single port memory unit for storing data according to the first clock;
a configurable write buffer electrically connected to the single port
memory unit for storing data transferred from the first computer
according to the first clock and for transferring its stored data to the
single port memory unit according to the second clock;
- 25 a write blocking logic electrically connected to the configurable write
buffer for estimating a remaining data storage capacity of the
configurable write buffer and controlling the configurable write buffer
to store data transferred from the first computer according to the first
clock, and for controlling the configurable write buffer to transfer its
stored data to the single port memory unit according to a write
30 acknowledge signal, wherein the write blocking logic comprises:

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- 5 a write counter for counting the remaining data storage capability of
 the configurable write buffer;
 a read counter for counting how many data in the configurable write
 buffer are ready to be transferred to the single port memory unit;
 a write select counter electrically connected to the write counter for
 counting how many data the configurable write buffer has ever
 stored and generating a write select value; and
 a read select counter electrically connected to the read counter for
10 counting how many data the configurable write buffer has ever
 transferred to the single port memory unit and generating a read
 select value; and
 the configurable write buffer comprises:
 a plurality of buffer modules for storing data;
 a demultiplexer electrically connected to the buffer modules for
15 storing data to one of the buffer modules ~~the configurable write~~
 ~~buffer~~ according to the write select ~~counter~~ value; and
 a multiplexer electrically is connected to the buffer modules for
 transferring data stored in one of the buffer modules ~~the~~
 ~~configurable write buffer~~ to the single port memory unit
20 according to the read select ~~counter~~ value; and
 an arbiter electrically connected to the write blocking logic and the single
 port memory unit for generating the write acknowledge signal.
- 11 (cancelled)
- 25 12 (new): A synchronous memory device with a single port memory unit, the
 synchronous memory device comprising:
 the single port memory unit for storing data according to a predetermined clock;
 a configurable write buffer electrically connected to the single port memory unit
30 for storing data according to the predetermined clock and for transferring

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its stored data to the single port memory unit according to the predetermined clock;

a write blocking logic electrically connected to the configurable write buffer for estimating a remaining data storage capacity of the configurable write buffer and controlling the configurable write buffer to store data according to the predetermined clock, and for controlling the configurable write buffer to transfer its stored data to the single port memory unit according to a write acknowledge signal, wherein the write blocking logic comprises:

a first counter for counting the remaining data storage capability of the configurable write buffer;

a write comparator electrically connected to the first counter for comparing the remaining data storage capacity of the configurable write buffer counted by the first counter with a first predetermined count value and controlling the configurable write buffer to store data;

a read comparator electrically connected to the first counter for comparing the remaining data storage capacity of the configurable write buffer counted by the first counter with a second predetermined count value and controlling the configurable write buffer to transfer its stored data to the single port memory unit;

a write select counter electrically connected to the first counter for counting how many data the configurable write buffer has ever stored and generating a write select value; and

a read select counter electrically connected to the first counter for counting how many data the configurable write buffer has ever transferred to the single port memory unit and generating a read select value; and

the configurable write buffer comprises:

a plurality of buffer modules for storing data;

a demultiplexer electrically connected to the buffer modules for storing data to the configurable write buffer according to the write select value;

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a multiplexer electrically connected to the buffer modules for transferring data stored in one of the buffer modules to the single port memory unit according to the read select value; and
an arbiter electrically connected to the write blocking logic and the single port memory unit for generating the write acknowledge signal.

- 13 (new): A synchronous/asynchronous memory device with a single port memory unit, the synchronous/asynchronous memory device comprising:
the single port memory unit for storing data according to a read clock;
10 a configurable write buffer electrically connected to the single port memory unit for storing data according to a write clock and for transferring its stored data to the single port memory unit according to the read clock;
a write blocking logic electrically connected to the configurable write buffer for estimating a remaining data storage capacity of the configurable write buffer and controlling the configurable write buffer to store data according to the write clock, and for controlling the configurable write buffer to transfer its stored data to the single port memory unit according to a write acknowledge signal, wherein the write blocking logic comprises:
a write counter for counting the remaining data storage capability of the
20 configurable write buffer;
a read counter for counting how many data in the configurable write buffer are ready to be transferred to the single port memory unit;
a read/write synchronizer electrically connected between the write counter and the read counter for changing signals synchronizing with the read clock to signals synchronizing with the write clock;
25 a write/read synchronizer electrically connected between the write counter and the read counter for changing signals synchronizing with the write clock to signals synchronizing with the read clock;
a write comparator electrically connected to the write counter for
30 comparing the remaining data storage capacity of the configurable

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write buffer counted by the write counter with a first predetermined count value and controlling the configurable write buffer to store data; a read comparator electrically connected to the read counter for comparing how many data in the configurable write buffer are ready to be transferred to the single port memory unit with a second predetermined count value and controlling the configurable write buffer to transfer its stored data to the single port memory unit according to the read clock;

5 a write select counter electrically connected to the write counter for counting how many data the configurable write buffer has ever stored and generating a write select value; and

10 a read select counter electrically connected to the read counter for counting how many data the configurable write buffer has ever transferred to the single port memory unit and generating a read select value; and

15 the configurable write buffer comprises:

a plurality of buffer modules for storing data;

a demultiplexer electrically connected to the buffer modules for storing data to one of the buffer modules according to the write select value; and

20 a multiplexer electrically is connected to the buffer modules for transferring data stored in one of the buffer modules to the single port memory unit according to the read select value; and

an arbiter electrically connected to the write blocking logic and the single port memory unit for generating the write acknowledge signal.